

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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John F. GULLO et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3628
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Serial No.: 10/628,411)	Examiner: Liou, Eric
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Filed: July 29, 2003)	
)	Confirmation No.: 6329
For: PC POSTAGE™ INDICIA DESIGN)	
FOR SHIPPING LABEL)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This response is in reply to a restriction requirement mailed October 16, 2007, the period for reply having been extended through April 16, 2008, by a Petition for Extension of Time of five months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. In the Office communication, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between

Group I: Claims 1-2, 5-6, 11-17, and 20-27, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a method, system, and computer readable medium for paying a proper amount of postage and adjusting postage on a mail piece;

Group II: Claims 7-8, 18-19, and 36-41, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a method and system for adjusting an amount of prepaid postage on a mail piece;

Group III: Claims 42-44, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a method of dispensing fraud protected postage via the internet;
and

Group IV: Claims 28, 30-31, and 33-35, characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to a system for preventing postage fraud.


Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I: Claims 1-2, 5-6, 11-17, and 20-27 without traverse.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: April 15, 2008

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